Next Organic Advisory Council Meeting is January 7

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MADISON – The next meeting of the Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council will be held Monday, January 7 at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) located at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison. The public is welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Council will begin the new year by discussing a reorganization of roles and outlining Council priorities. Possible new priorities for 2013 include trying to keep organic acres in production and providing input to the National Organic Standards Board on the National Organic Program.

The meeting will include updates from state and federal government agency partners. Council members will also make plans for outreach at the MOSES Organic Farming Conference to be held February 21-23 in La Crosse.

The twelve-member Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council meets quarterly to advise agencies, farmers, processors and consumers on organic agriculture issues. Information about the Council is at http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Organic_Farming/Advisory_Council.

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